

In the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 1-116, Claims 138-144, and Claims 146-186, which claims were previously withdrawn, without prejudice. Please amend Claims 117-137 and 145 and add new Claims 187-191. A complete copy of the claims including marked-up versions of each claim which is amended in this Amendment appears below.

Claims 1-116 (Cancelled).

- 1 117. (Currently Amended) A reclosable bag for filling with at least one food product,  
2 said reclosable bag comprising:  
3 at least one sheet of web material including at least a hood having two areas of  
4 structural weakness located therein, said hood having at least one a fold structure located  
5 between ~~and defined by~~ said two areas of structural weakness, said fold defining a top of  
6 said reclosable bag;  
7 a first side panel included in said web material on a side of one of said areas of  
8 structural weakness opposite said top of said reclosable bag;  
9 a second side panel included in said web material;  
10 a gusseted portion included in said web material and located generally opposite  
11 said fold structure, and intermediate said first and second panels, said gusseted portion  
12 defining a bottom of said reclosable bag;

13 an opening located between said ~~fold structure~~ hood and said ~~gusseted portion~~;  
14 second side panel;  
15 a reclosable fastener structure including first and second interlockable fastener  
16 tracks each having a skirt structure of skirt web material extending ~~therefrom~~; therefrom,  
17 said skirt structures each including a distal ~~margin~~; portion, one of said distal ~~margin~~  
18 portions being coupled to said web material at, ~~at least one location between said areas of~~  
19 ~~structural weakness and said opening~~; near the intersection of said hood and said first side  
20 panel, the other of said distal portions being coupled to said web material near the portion  
21 of said hood most distal from said first side panel near said opening;  
22 wherein said first and second interlockable fastener tracks of said reclosable fastener  
23 structure extending past said areas of structural weakness and extend into said ~~fold~~  
24 ~~structure~~; hood toward said top of said reclosable bag above said areas of structural  
25 weakness, and wherein said reclosable bag is capable of being filled with at least one  
26 food product through said opening.

1 118. (Currently Amended) The A reclosable bag ~~of claim 117~~ as defined in Claim 117,  
2 wherein the said skirt web ~~material is~~ structures are integral to the ~~reclosable fastener~~  
3 ~~structure~~. said first and second interlockable fastener tracks.

1 119. (Currently Amended) The A reclosable bag ~~of claim 117~~ as defined in Claim 117,  
2 wherein the said skirt web material ~~is~~ structures are coupled to ~~the reclosable fastener~~  
3 ~~structure.~~ said first and second interlockable fastener tracks.

1 120. (Currently Amended) The A reclosable bag ~~of claim 118~~ as defined in Claim 117,  
2 wherein ~~the integral~~ said skirt structures each includes include an outside surface and an  
3 inside surface, and ~~wherein,~~ each of said outside and inside surfaces includes a respective  
4 upper and lower portion.

1 121. (Currently Amended) The A reclosable bag ~~of claim 120~~ as defined in Claim 120,  
2 further ~~including~~ comprising:  
3 a backing strip ~~located opposite said opening and between said inside surface and~~  
4 ~~said opening; said backing strip including two opposed surfaces, at least a portion of one~~  
5 ~~of said surfaces having an adhesive deposited thereon; whereby said portion of said~~  
6 ~~backing strip may be adhesively joined with the inside surface of the integral skirt.~~  
7 adhesively joined to said inside surface of said skirt structure having its distal portion  
8 coupled to said web material near the portion of said hood most distal from said first  
9 panel.

1 122. (Currently Amended) The A reclosable bag ~~of claim 121~~ as defined in Claim 121,  
2 wherein said backing strip extends below said lower portion of said inside surface of said

3 skirt structure having its distal portion coupled to said web material near the portion of  
4 said hood most distal from said first panel.

1 123. (Currently Amended) The A reclosable bag of ~~claim 117~~ as defined in Claim 117,  
2 wherein said web material of said reclosable bag is substantially comprised of a single  
3 sheet of a parent film material having predetermined dimensions.

1 124. (Currently Amended) The A parent film material of ~~claim 123~~ as defined in Claim  
2 123, wherein ~~the~~ said areas of structural weakness are integral to said parent film  
3 material.

1 125. (Currently Amended) The A reclosable bag of ~~claim 117~~ as defined in Claim 117,  
2 wherein said areas of structural weakness extend linearly across a predetermined  
3 dimension of said sheet of web material.

1 126. (Currently Amended) The A reclosable bag of ~~claim 125~~ as defined in Claim 125,  
2 wherein ~~the~~ said predetermined dimension of said sheet of web material is width.

1 127. (Currently Amended) The A reclosable bag of ~~claim 125~~ as defined in Claim 125,  
2 wherein ~~the~~ said predetermined dimension of said sheet of web material is length.

1 128. (Currently Amended) The A reclosable bag ~~of claim 117~~ as defined in Claim 117,  
2 wherein said areas of structural weakness extend nonlinearly across a predetermined  
3 dimension of said sheet of said web material.

1 129. (Currently Amended) The A reclosable bag ~~of claim 128~~ as defined in Claim 128,  
2 wherein ~~the~~ said predetermined dimension of said sheet of web material is width.

1 130. (Currently Amended) The A reclosable bag ~~of claim 128~~ as defined in Claim 128,  
2 wherein ~~the~~ said predetermined dimension of said sheet of web material is length.

1 131. (Currently Amended) The A reclosable bag ~~of claim 117~~ as defined in Claim 117,  
2 wherein said areas of structural weakness extend across a predetermined dimension of  
3 said sheet of web material in a predetermined pattern.

1 132. (Currently Amended) The A reclosable bag ~~of claim 117~~ as defined in Claim 117,  
2 wherein said areas of structural weakness comprise perforations.

1 133. (Currently Amended) The A reclosable bag ~~of claim 117~~ as defined in Claim 117,  
2 wherein said areas of structural weakness comprise scoring.

1 134. (Currently Amended) The A reclosable bag ~~of claim 117~~ as defined in Claim 117,  
2 wherein said areas of structural weakness comprise microperforations.

1 135. (Currently Amended) The A reclosable bag of claim 117 as defined in Claim 117,  
2 wherein said sheet of web material is comprised of a multiple laminate film.

1 136. (Currently Amended) The A reclosable bag of claim 135 as defined in Claim 135,  
2 wherein said multiple laminate film ~~includes~~ comprises at least one layer of material  
3 comprising a tear path.

1 137. (Currently Amended) A reclosable bag for filling with at least one food product,  
2 said reclosable bag comprising:

3 at least one sheet of web material including a hood having a first area of structural  
4 weakness and a second area of structural ~~weakness~~; weakness, said sheet of web material  
5 including ~~at least one~~ a fold structure located between ~~and defined by~~ said first and  
6 second areas of structural weakness, said fold defining a top of said reclosable bag;

7 a first side panel included in said web material on a side of one of said areas of  
8 structural weakness opposite said top of said reclosable bag;

9 a second side panel included in said web material;

10 a gusseted portion included in said web material and located ~~generally opposite~~  
11 ~~said fold structure; and~~ intermediate said first and second panels, said gusseted portion  
12 defining a bottom of said reclosable bag;

13 a fill opening located generally between said ~~fold portion~~ hood and said gusseted  
14 ~~portion;~~ second side panel;

15 a reclosable fastener structure including a male first mating track structure and a  
16 female second mating track structure; ~~is structure,~~ said male first mating track structure  
17 including a first fin structure of web material extending therefrom and said female second  
18 mating track structure including a second fin structure of web material extending  
19 ~~therefrom;~~ therefrom, each said fin structure including a ~~predetermined~~ distal coupling  
20 ~~portion;~~ portion, said distal coupling ~~portions~~ portion of said first fin structure being  
21 coupled to said web material near the intersection of said hood and said first side panel,  
22 said distal coupling portion of said second fin structure being coupled to said web  
23 material near the portion of said hood most distal from said first side panel near said  
24 opening;  
25 ~~one of said fin structures being located adjacent said fill opening and including a~~  
26 ~~backing strip;~~ strip mounted on the side of said second fin structure opposite said web  
27 material coupled to said second fin structure, said backing strip ~~located generally~~  
28 ~~opposite said fill opening;~~ extending downwardly from said second fin structure;  
29 wherein said reclosable fastener structure extending past first and second mating track  
30 structures extend above said areas of structural weakness and into said ~~fold structure;~~  
31 hood toward said top of said reclosable bag, wherein said reclosable bag is capable of  
32 being filled with at least one food product through said fill opening.

Claims 138-144 (Cancelled).

1 145. (Currently Amended) A reclosable bag for filling with at least one food product,  
2 said reclosable bag comprising:

3 at least one sheet of web material including first and second side panels and a  
4 hood extending from a top end of said first side panel, at least two areas of structural  
5 ~~weakness, having at least one fold structure located between and defined by said two areas~~  
6 ~~of structural weakness~~; weakness being located in said hood and having a fold located  
7 therebetween which fold defines a top of said reclosable bag, said web material also  
8 including a gusseted structure located intermediate said first and second panels, said  
9 gusseted structure being located opposite said fold structure;

10 a reclosable fastener including a skirt structures extending therefrom; therefrom,  
11 said skirt structures including a distal ~~margin~~; margins, said distal margins being coupled  
12 to said web material at, ~~at least one location located between said areas of structural~~  
13 ~~weakness and said gusseted structure; and~~ at opposite ends of said hood such that said  
14 reclosable fastener structure ~~extending past~~ extends above said areas of structural  
15 weakness ~~and~~ into said fold structure.

Claims 146-186 (Cancelled).

1 187. (Newly Added) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 117, wherein said reclosable  
2 fastener structure comprises a slider fastener assembly.



1 188. (Newly Added) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 117, wherein said reclosable  
2 fastener structure comprises a slider fastener assembly.

1 189. (Newly Added) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 117, wherein said reclosable  
2 fastener structure comprises a press-to-close fastener assembly.

1 190. (Newly Added) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 117, additionally  
2 comprising:

3 a peelable seal located between said first and second side panels.

1 191. (Newly Added) A reclosable bag for filling with at least one food product, said  
2 reclosable bag comprising:

3 at least one sheet of web material defining:

4 a front panel having a top, a bottom, and sides;

5 a rear panel having a top, a bottom, and sides;

6 a gusseted portion extending between said bottoms of said front and rear  
7 panels, said gusseted portion defining a bottom of said reclosable bag; and

8 a hood portion having a fold located at an intermediate location therein  
9 which fold defines a top of said reclosable bag, said hood portion having sides and  
10 two downwardly extending opposite ends, one of said downwardly extending  
11 opposite ends being connected to said top of said rear panel;

12           an area of structural weakness located in said hood portion between said fold and

13           each of said downwardly extending opposite ends;

14           a reclosable fastener including first and second interlockable fastener tracks each

15           having a skirt structure of skirt web material extending downwardly therefrom, said skirt

16           structures each including a distal portion, one of said distal portions being coupled to said

17           hood near said one of said downwardly extending opposite ends connected to said top of

18           said rear panel, the other of said distal portions being coupled to said hood near the other

19           of said downwardly extending opposite ends; and

20           an opening located between said other of said downwardly extending opposite

21           ends and said top of said front panel;

22           wherein at least said first and second interlockable fastener tracks of said reclosable

23           fastener extend above said areas of structural weakness and into said hood, and wherein

24           said reclosable bag is capable of being filled with at least one food product through said

25           opening.